



## Regional Anti-Doping Organization Conference

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### DISCUSSION PAPER

#### Code Compliance – what can the RADO do?

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The World Anti-Doping Code is the core document that provides the framework for harmonized anti-doping policies, rules and regulations within sport organizations and among public authorities. The Code entered into force on January 1, 2004; and the revised Code on January 1, 2009. As a result all signatories to the Code, including NOCs and NADOs are required to have Code compliant anti-doping rules in place and anti-doping programs implemented. These anti-doping programs include, but are not limited to:

- In and out of competition testing
- Identification of a Registered Testing Pool and the collection of whereabouts information
- Processes for Results Management, Appeals and Therapeutic Use Exemptions
- Education Programs

WADA's role is to evaluate and monitor all signatory's compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. The RADO concept was developed to assist countries in fulfilling their obligations under the Code.

In addition, many governments could not be legally bound by a non-governmental document such as the Code, and therefore the International Convention against Doping in Sport was drafted under the auspices of UNESCO, enabling them to align their domestic legislation with the Code and thereby harmonizing the sport and public legislation in the fight against doping in sport. In addition, those countries who have ratified the Convention may apply for funding from the UNESCO Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport (Voluntary Fund). Projects should focus on three main areas: (1) education projects focusing on youth and sports organizations; (2) policy advice; and (3) mentoring and capacity development programs.



Please be prepared to discuss the following questions during the meeting:

**1. Establishing NADOs**

- a. Do RADO member countries understand the importance of establishing a NADO?
- b. What are the challenges in establishing a NADO?
- c. Can the RADO Office assist in establishing NADOs in their member countries?
- d. What additional assistance is required to help member countries establish their NADO?

**2. Anti-Doping Rules**

- a. What are the challenges RADO member countries face in adopting and implementing anti-doping rules?
- b. Can the RADO Office assist member countries implementing anti-doping rules?
- c. What additional assistance is required to help member countries implement anti-doping rules?

**3. UNESCO Convention and Voluntary Fund**

- a. Do RADO member countries understand the importance of ratifying the UNESCO Convention?
- b. What are the challenges that member countries face in ratifying the UNESCO Convention?
- c. Can the RADO Office assist member countries with the ratification process?
- d. What additional assistance is required to help member countries ratify the Convention?
- e. Are member countries aware of the UNESCO Voluntary Fund?
- f. Can the RADO Office assist member countries apply for the Voluntary Fund and also coordinate the preparation of regional projects under the fund?



4. **Implementation of Doping Control Programs – conducting in and out of competition testing; engaging Doping Control Officers; etc**
  - a. Are RADO member countries implementing doping control programs?
  - b. What are the biggest challenges faced when implementing anti-doping programs?
  - c. Can the RADO Office assist the member countries in implementing anti-doping programs?
  - d. What additional assistance is required to assist member countries in implementing their anti-doping programs?
5. **What are some of the other challenges you face in implementing the World Anti-Doping Code?**